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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FIRST-DEGREE  
BURGLARY FOR BREAKING INTO BUILDING AFTER BLOODY FIGHT  
Defendant Was Convicted After Jury Trial**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that defendant Pedro Hernandez has been sentenced to six years in prison after a jury found him guilty of first-degree Burglary and third-degree Criminal Mischief for breaking open a Bronx building door as he and his friends chased two men they had been fighting with in 2019.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant, Pedro Hernandez, has been sentenced to six years in prison for breaking into a building after he and his friends chased two men after a fight. He then tried to break into an apartment in which the victims had sought refuge. The 911 calls from people in the building that were presented in the trial showed the fear and desperation of the victims and building occupants. The terrorizing of innocent Bronx people will not be tolerated."

District Attorney Clark said Pedro Hernandez, 23, of East 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Beth Beller to six years in prison and five years' post-release supervision for his first-degree Burglary conviction, and one to three years for third-degree Criminal Mischief, to run concurrently. He was found guilty of the charges by a jury on April 21, 2023, after an eight-week trial.

According to the investigation, on April 7, 2019 at 7:30 a.m., the defendant and his friends got into a melee with two youths in front of 2177 Quimby Avenue. The defendant and his friends chased the victims into a building. The defendant is seen on video kicking the front door of the building while his friends are also kicking it and hitting it with the bat. When they broke the door in, the defendant and his friends ran upstairs and attempted unsuccessfully to break down the door to an apartment where the victims were seeking safety.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney J. Joseph Gattuso of Trial Bureau 60, and Jessica Lupo, Deputy Bureau Chief in the Trial Division, under the supervision of Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Police Officer Naeem Shahid and Sergeant Luis Cardenas of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, and NYC Department of Correction Investigator Walter Holmes for their work in the investigation.

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